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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good afternoon. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Senators, the afternoon session is about to reconvene. Please check in. Roll call. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Do you have any items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, Enrollment and Review reports LB 242 to Select File with Enrollment and Review amendments attached, and that's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1618.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. When we recessed, we were on the motion to bracket LB 536. Was there anybody else wishing to speak to the bracket motion? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, did you wish to close on the bracket motion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if I were making wishes, my first wish would not be to close on this bill, but I accept the invitation in the spirit in which it was given. I offered my bracket motion in order to have the opportunity to discuss some of the issues that were cropping up. I had already spoken three times on whatever amendment was pending before us. The problems that I'm having with this bill is that it's a tangled, morass of incoherence. We need the opportunity to have each element of it discussed and I know that will happen because I'm going to do what I can to ensure that it happens, but I still won't be in favor of the bill. However, other bills have been before us with which I disagreed and, upon analyzing the bill's provisions, I was able to offer clarifying language or even corrective language. I do not want to improve this bill. It falls into that giveaway category, but it's even